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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Specification Total Pages 29
2. ☒ Drawing(s) (35USC 113) Total Pages 9
3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 2
  - a. ☒ Unexecuted(original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed)
4. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which  
a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b,  
is considered as being part of the disclosure of the  
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by  
reference therein.

[Note Box 4 Below]

i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting  
inventor(s) named in the prior  
application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

5. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
6. ☒ Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. ☐ English Translation Document to follow (if applicable)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
9. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
11. ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior Application,  
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
12. ☒ Certified copy of Japanese priority document No.  
P2001-029020 filed February 6, 2001.

14. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) ☐ of prior application No:

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RE: New U.S. Application for Letters Patent entitled  
"CCD IMAGING DEVICE AND DRIVING METHOD THEREOF"  
Applicant(s) Naoki Nishi  
Attorney Docket No. 09792909-5333

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c), I am filing the attached application, including 24 claims (4 independent), 9 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-9) and the filing fee of \$896.00 on behalf of

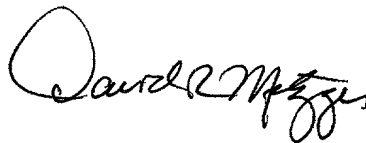
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and request that the application be assigned a serial number and filing date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d).

Very truly yours,

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